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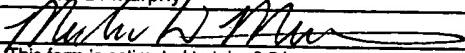
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		First Inventor or Application Identifier James A. Stevens
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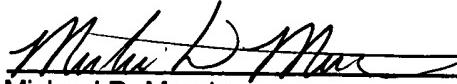
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